

OFFICIALS TRAMPLE ON PEOPLE'S NEEDS AND PEOPLE'S RIGHTS



How stupid can you get?

Floesty - if recent actions by city housing and school officials are proof! Take the bureaucrats in the Newark Housing Authority for example...

After a 4-year battle with Clinton Millers on a "light industrial" project that was as phoney as a three-dollar bill from the start, they still make the same stupid moves.

They must think think we are as stupid as they are!

They refused to show us their housing surveys in 1961-62 until a court directive by Superior Court forced them to.

The Court said, "When public funds are used for a public purpose, the public is entitled to know what's going on." We think these words will still apply.

When Mrs. Rose Heyman called the Housing Authority to get a look at the Planning and Survey Application for \$450,000 in federal funds, she got the run-around.

No one knew anything. "Wait until Mr. Densig comes back," was all they would say. If he ever comes back, no one said. "He still haven't seen it..."

Or take this case - in December and January, the Save Our Homes Committee had a "dialogue" with Mr. Densig on the light industrial project.

(A "dialogue" as you know is a one-way conversation where someone tries to brainwash you into accepting their viewpoint.)

At these three "dialogues," Mr. Densig made some statements which held promise of some working compromises on hot issues - like he said, "We'll probably confine industry to the blocks on either side of the RR tracks."

Then - lo! and behold! - on Feb. 15 (at the very moment Mrs. Heyman was calling for information), the Authority unveiled a plan for the area north of Aron that would not only bring industry closer up to Bergen St. but also bulldoze about 8% of the 8,000 people living there and dreams of small businesses such as diners, gas stations, and stores.

No new relocation housing would be built on existing vacant land. People would have to go elsewhere - as usual - unless the people do something...

Another example of official stupidity is the secretive Planning Board hearing on Feb. 15 that approved this "light industrial" plan.

It was called on 2-3 hours notice. We can imagine who ordered it called.

Just enough notice for the housing bureaucrats and the financiers who want to buy up the land cheap - not working people or residents of the area.

This is a disgraceful and contemptuous action.

No project as controversial as this should be railroaded through like this.

We have appealed to the City Council to investigate this procedure.

We have appealed to Housing Commissioner Weaver to order a public hearing.

We hope someone will protect the people's rights...

Or take schools. To raise the city's tax rate politically palatable, the mayor ordered the school budget cut \$1 million. After protests, some money was restored - a drop in the bucket. The restored money will add 2-cents to every dollar of assessed valuation. The rate will be still be down 9-cents from last year's bank-breaking \$6.60 per hundred.

While money is no cure-all, it can help if it's spent wisely. We say - "Get rid of the payroll padding, the political favorites, the public relations experts who do nothing. Cut down on bond-interest for Broad Street business, mosques, and parking lots. Put the money into schools, give the kids a break."

It may be that the schools fight and the continuing battle over bulldozers will be signals for a revived neighborhood people's movement in Newark.

For unless people begin to speak up, the City will continue to ignore their needs and favor the interests of a handful...

POVERTY PROGRAM

The next meeting of the Anti-Poverty Board for Clinton Hill will be on Mar. 18, Thursday, in the League Building. That's at 750 Clinton Av. at 7:30 p.m.

People between Aron and Bergen Aves. are welcome.

At the Feb. 25 meeting about 150 showed up. Temporary officers were elected and committees set up to plan how to eat things up.

Money - jobs - power - community service - all these things are involved.

If you believe that the people who live in Newark's neighborhoods must do something to help themselves, you will be there...



NON-PARTISAN? What's that?

Non-partisan - what's that?

At its last meeting, the CHNCouncil executive committee voted to bring up at the next Assembly meeting (March 5 - be there!) the matter of our non-partisan basis.

Back in 1958 a number of local politicians suddenly became very interested in us. A city election was coming up...

So the Council Assembly then revisited and reaffirmed our non-partisan status.

Which means that 1) the Council cannot take a position on any candidate or any political party in any election; 2) no meetings of block-branches or committees are to be devoted to matters relating to any candidate or political party; 3) no elected officials or candidates are to be invited to any block meeting or general meeting unless a) all candidates for that position are invited, or b) there being no election in sight, it is approved by the Council President and the elected Council officers that such an official can be invited.

Until this policy is revised, it still stands.

This of course in no way is concerned with the personal and non-CHNCouncil political activities of any member. That's his business.

But it's not Council business!

If you feel this policy is being violated, call our President Thomas F. Edwards, 371-7835, and talk it over with him.

If you feel the policy should be revised, come to Council Assembly meetings and speak up.

S. 20 St.



WELCOME TO

S. 18th Street Officers

The new live-wire block-branch on S. 18 St. elected these officers recently: Henry Frimley, chairman; Leone Giles, vice-chair; Mrs. Battle, secretary; Mr. John A. Sneed, acting treas. Congratulations!

Send in news items

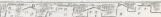
What's happening on your block?

Meetings coming up?

Family doings?

Send in news items to Neighborhood News, 26 Sunday.

Or call BR 3-6880.



Get housing complaints? No heat? Neighbors house a shambles?

First call BR 3-0601 and report it to Pat Caponigro. She'll file the complaint for you.

Then - get the first Organizing Handbook put out by Nat Council on Housing, 715 W. 31st St., New York 11, N. Y. Price: 25¢.

Late Finish! - 2-7-60

About \$1,000 has come in toward the legal fight in the Save Our Homes fund. Our deep thanks to the contributors. . .

-- Remember -- Council Assembly meets March 5, Friday, 8:15 p.m. 8th S. 19 Street --

HOUSING COMMISSIONER SPEAKS OUT

In a rare and welcome statement, Housing Authority Commissioner Ted Pettigrew stated that all work on construction projects aided with federal funds that do not employ workers on a non-discriminatory basis, should be stopped.

For his courage and leadership, he was attacked by other commissioners and by HHA director Louis Dandig. Why?

RAFFLES

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ANTI-POVERTY CHIEF TO SPEAK (K1);
TOM EDWARDS ELECTED PRESIDENT;
NEWS ON URBAN RENEWAL FIGHT (R34)



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS
F. EDWARDS

Thomas F. Edwards was elected 5th president in the history of the Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council at a general meeting held in November. There was no opposition.

Edwards, who lives at 894 South 19 St., has a distinguished record of civic and labor activity.

He is business agent, Local 889, Asphalt Workers, AFL-CIO; co-chairman, Newark Comm. on Full Employment; a trustee of the United Community (Anti-Poverty) Corp.

The meeting also elected as vice-presidents to fill vacancies:

Mrs. Myrtle Sparks, Richard Williams;
Mrs. Rose Hyman. (See list inside)

Cases Industry Plan

The meeting also voted to oppose any re-use plan in the "light industrial area" that would dislocate large numbers of residents and businesses and destroy the community.

The Save Our Homes Committee was authorized to continue its efforts in this campaign.

Guest speaker Gus Harrison, pres. of the New Jersey Conf. of NAACP Branches, criticized State Education Commissioner as "unfit" and also to move to end segregation in public schools. He called for a state-wide effort in education and housing to end unequal facilities and opportunities, including jobs.

Two resolutions to amend the CHNC Constitution were defeated. They had been proposed to end the block-representative system of voting on policy and have general meetings every 2 weeks. # # #

CYRIL TYSON TO SPEAK JAN. 8th

The director of Newark's anti-poverty program Cyril D. Tyson will speak to the Clinton Hill Council on January 8 at 8 pm at 26 Stanley Ave.

Mr. Tyson was just hired by Newark's United Community Corp., a nonprofit agency set up to carry out the program as provided by the U.S. Economic Opportunities Act.

Until last month, Mr. Tyson served as acting director of Harlem's anti-poverty program (EASYOU-ANT).

Block-leaders, assembly delegates, and interested CHNC members are urged to attend. Work up questions and comment from your block-groups to ask to Mr. Tyson and discuss at the meeting.

Some Questions on Poverty Program

Some questions that are sure to be asked are: 1) How will Clinton Hill be affected? 2) Where does the CHNC fit into the program? 3) What voice will the poor who take part have in the program? 4) Who pays the bills? 5) How much money is there, and is it enough? 6) Will education, housing, and jobs be included?

Memberships

The meeting will be a good time to pay 1965 memberships (\$1.00), so collect dues from your blocks. If you need any of the small membership envelopes, call SI 36880.

December - Friday - Jan. 8 - 8:00 p.m.
at 26 Stanley (corner Avon Ave.)

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Fellow Members -

I am honored to serve as your president and will work hard to be a good one.

In the next few months I hope to get to know all of you.

No one person can do the job in our council. There's just too much that needs doing - such as better school, brighter street lights, stop rent-gouging and slumlords, get decent urban renewal.

So I need your help, your know-how.

Our council could not have done as much as it has in the past 9 years unless many people pitched in.

So, if I call on you, or one of our officers or your block-branch leader, give us a hand.

By helping the council, you help yourself to make a better neighborhood.

A happy New Year to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Edwards

THOMAS F. EDWARDS, President

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PATTERSON AND WORME ASKED TO RESIGN

At the request of the executive committee, Mrs. Louise Patterson and Mrs. Genevieve Worme have resigned as vice-presidents in the Clinton Hill Council.

The committee acted after both began to miss meetings, failed to assist in council activities including the Harringer concert, and expressed basic differences on the council's program.

Both persons did not respond to a 5-day time period in which they could have appealed the decision or discussed it further.

They were thanked for their past efforts, which extend back more than 3 years.

BRIGHT SPOTS

Two items brightened the Newark scene in December: 1) the fine showing by the Newark Teacher's Union in the bargaining election to represent the city's 3,000 school teachers. The NTU tied the opposition with 1,373 votes. 286 ballots are disputed and must still be counted.

2) the success of the NAACP slate headed by Dr. John Minkert Hughes (office on Baldwin Ave.) and backed by Don Swenson, in getting the NAACP National Office to order an investigation into alleged irregularities in the conduct of the present officers headed by Rev. Royd B. Cartrell. After the investigation in January, there will be a new election.

Edwards Speaks to City Council

CHNC pres. Tom Edwards spoke before the City Council on Dec. 2 in favor of an ordinance to limit the size of "For Sale" signs on houses. With him in the delegation were Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Landover, Mrs. Hayman, Mr. Williams and Mr. Winters.

Real estate operators were in the audience and some spoke against the ordinance. Stan Winters spoke as an individual in favor of it.

The City Council deferred action. This measure and one to limit "Sold" signs have been backed by South Ward Councilman Lee Bernstein, himself a licensed real estate broker, who knows how Clinton Hill and parts of Weequahic have been torn apart by "fast buck" real estate operators. The term for such tactics is "block-busting."

News About Town

(Send news items to Gladys Washington, Arabella Young, or Stan Winters)

TILLINGHAM STREET is heading... CHNC members raised money to provide holiday turkeys to 6 block families... There's now a STOP sign at Rogers Pl. and Tillingham Street, so watch out! The block asked the city for it a year ago, got it last summer... Now they want 1-wide parking to help street cleaning. Many blocks east of Bergen St. just got it after a 6-year council campaign... Mrs. Willie Daniels' mother is convalescing... Mr. and Mrs. E. Nickert enjoying their new baby... Miss Phyllis Langston, block sec'y, due to be married next June!

HOLIDAY BLOCK-PARTIES on many streets. (Those we know about: Baldwin Ave. and the Judea; -Tillingham St. at Mrs. Van Dusen's; Treacy Ave. and the Peabodys'; South 16 at Mrs. Walden's; Farley had one also...

SHANLEY AVENUE got new storm drains and rounded curb corners in preparation for a long-needed paving job. The block had asked the city about this over 2 years ago...

Loves Candy!

CLINTON HILL just loves candy! That's the conclusion drawn by Helen Winters, CHNC secy. She thought that candy sales through the council could raise needed operating funds. Sales got under way only in early December. But over \$300.00 worth have been sold so far! This means almost \$100.00 for the CHNC treasury.

DURHAM to move. The Darwin Durhams of Baldwin Ave. are moving and they will be missed. They live on a 3rd floor and need a lot floor for Darwin, Jr., who has a rheumatic heart... He's responding well to rest and treatment... Mary-a-night Louise Durham would help get out CHNC mailings, staying till the very last envelope was signed and sealed... Good luck, Durhams!

Mississippi Freedom Movement

The Freedom Movement are challenging the right of 5 Miss. Congressmen to sit in the House of Representatives. (Under U.S. Laws, Title 2, USC 201-225)

Send money to them at 1351 U Street N.W., Washington, D. C. 20009.

Without democracy in Mississippi, there can be no true democracy in New Jersey.

Send your help now!

PAID 1965 DUES?